

Amendment No. 1 to SB0202

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 202*

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by deleting all language following the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 1, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

(a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Illegal alien" means a person who is not entitled to lawful residence in the United States pursuant to the federal Immigration and Naturalization Act.

(2) "Lawful resident alien" means a person who is entitled to lawful residence in the United States pursuant to the federal Immigration and Naturalization Act.

(3) "Lawful resident verification information" means the documentation that is required by the United States department of homeland security when completing the employment eligibility verification form commonly referred to as the federal "Form I-9". For the purpose of this section, that documentation must be maintained for the entire period of employment and for no less than two (2) years thereafter. Documentation that later proves to be falsified, but that at the time of employment satisfies the requirements of the "Form I-9", is lawful resident verification information.

(b) It is an offense to knowingly employ an illegal alien.

(c) It is an offense to knowingly encourage or induce an illegal alien to come into this state for the purpose of employing such illegal alien.

(d) A person has not violated subsection (b) with respect to a particular employee if the person:

(1) Requested from the employee, received, and documented in the employee record, prior to the commencement of employment, lawful resident verification information; and

(2) The lawful resident verification information provided by the person later proved to be falsified.

(e) A person has not violated subsection (b) with respect to a particular employee if the person verified the immigrant status of the person prior to employment by using the federal electronic work authorization verification service provided by the United States department of homeland security pursuant to the federal Basic Pilot Program Extension and Expansion Act of 2003.

(f) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class E felony punishable only by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(g) A violation of subsection (c) is a Class D felony punishable only by a fine not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.